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FOR GENERAL HAIG FROM AMBASSADOR ANDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: MESSAGE FOR GENERAL HAIG

1. ERIC HIMLE, HEAD OF NORWAY'S IMPORTANT DEFENSE REVIEW COMMISSION, RECENTLY TOLD ME THAT HIS COMMISSION IS SEEKING A MEETING WITH YOU IN LATE JUNE. THE COMMISSION IS WRITING A REPORT TO THE NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT AND GOVERNMENT ON WHAT NORWAY'S SECURITY POLICY SHOULD BE OVER THE NEXT 15 TO 20 YEARS. WE VIEW THE COMMISSION'S WORK AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DEFENSE POLICY UNDERTAKINGS IN NORWAY SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REQUESTED A MEETING WITH YOU THROUGH THE NORWEGIAN NATO MISSION FOR EITHER JUNE 20 OR 23, WHICH WOULD FIT IN WITH A TRIP THE COMMISSION IS MAKING TO THE UK JUNE 21-22.

2. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO AMERICAN AND ALLIANCE OBJECTIVES IN NORWAY IF YOU COULD FIND TIME TO SPEND AN HOUR OR SO WITH HIMLE AND HIS ASSOCIATES. IT WOULD GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO REVIEW IMPORTANT ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE COMMISSION,
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SUCH AS THE ALLIANCE STRATEGY FOR THE NORTHERN FLANK. HIMLE IS ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS THAT THE COMMISSION HAVE A PERSONAL MEETING WITH YOU SINCE THEY HAVE ALREADY HAD SEVERAL STAFF BRIEFINGS AND LACK ONLY THE STRATEGIC OVERVIEW AS SEEN FROM SHAPE.

3. IF YOU CAN ARRANGE TO SQUEEZE THEM IN, I AM CERTAIN IT

WILL BE TIME WELL INVESTED IN NORWAY'S FUTURE SECURITY POLICY.

4. WARM REGARDS.

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